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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/07

SPONSOR Rainaldi LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE 11th District Attorney and Computer Technician SB 462

ANALYST C. Sanchez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07 | FY08 | | |
| | \$8.5 | Non-Recurring | General Fund |
| | \$152.4 | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 421, 11th District Pre-Trial Services Program

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

State Parole Board

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 462 provides for an appropriation from the general fund to the eleventh judicial district court for FY 08 to hire a staff attorney and a computer technician for the eleventh judicial district court in McKinley County. Any unexpended or encumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 08 fiscal year shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill contains sufficient funding for these positions. Total recurring costs would be \$152,400 for salaries, benefits, office supplies, and operating costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This appropriation request is not part of the judiciary's unified budget. The eleventh judicial district court currently has one staff attorney and one information technology (IT) specialist to

serve eight judges, one child support/domestic relations hearing officer, seventy-six additional staff members at four different physical locations. Even though the staff attorney and the IT specialist currently provide sufficient service to the judges and staff in Gallup, additional staff would enhance the daily support provided to the judges and staff in Gallup.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The district court is participating in performance-based budgeting. Staff changes should improve the approved output performance measures of the court.

COMPANIONSHIP

Senate Bill 421, 11th District Pre-Trial Services Program

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Senate Bill 462 and Senate Bill 421 would increase the 11th District Court's budget by 6 percent.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

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